(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) how Government would manage the pension of new employees appointed on or after 1 st October, 2001 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c)The Government had set up a High Level Expert Group on Pensions as a sequel to the Finance Minister's announcement in the Union Budget for 2001-2002. The Expert Group submitted its Report in February, 2002. the Group has recommended a Hybrid Scheme with contribution from both the employer and employee. The proposed Contributory Pension Scheme for new entrants is a major departure from the existing pension scheme. Its feasibility is being examined in detail before introducing the new pension system.

(d)The employees would continue to be covered under earlier system till the date as may be notified for introducting the new scheme.

Changes in Civil Services Examinations

2459. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) whether an examination reforms Committee headed by Prof.Y.K. Alagh has suggested extensive changes in the Civil Services Examination system in the country;

(b) if so, the deails of the recommendations;

(c) whether these changes have been considered and made applicable for the future examinations;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what provisions have been made to ensure a candidate with broad overview can get into the Civil Services rather than the candidate with more bookish knowledge?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (e) An Eight Member Expert Committee was constituted by the Union Public Service Commission under the chairmanship of

Prof.Y.K. Alagh to review the present scheme of the Civil Services Examination. The salient recommendations of the Committee pertain to the areas of eligibility parameters of candidates appearing for Civil Services schemes of Preliminary and Main Examinations, Personality Testing, allocation of Services and post-induction issues of training and management of services. The recommendations of the Committee alongwith the comments of Union Public Service Commission received by the Government are under examination.

Teachers in Grih Kalyan Kendra

2460. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be please to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that teachers training of unrecognized duration and/or diplomas obtained from unrecognized institutions are not treated as a valid qualification for employment under Central, State Governments and in Gvoernment aided schools etc.;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that this provision is violated by Grih Kalyan Kendra, Delhi while employing Nursery Teachers having unrecognized one year Nursery TeacherTraining and/or diplomas obtained from unrecognized institutions;

(c) if so, the details of Nursery Schools where such teachers and B.Ed, teachers are employed; and

(d) the corrective measures taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATl VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (d) Grih Kalyan Kendra does not provide regular employment but provides an opportunity to the dependents of Central Government employees for a limited period only, on year to year basis, to up-grade their skill to enable them to obtain gainful employment elsewhere. The Nursery teachers working in Grih Kalyan Kendra are paid fixed Honorarium only. Such employment in Grih Kalyan Kendra is not comparable to employment as Nursery teacher under Central, State or Government aided bodies and therefore, eligibility criteria laid down for the latter are not applicable.

National Vision 2020

2461. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Planning Commission has prepared/finalised "National